

introduced in the year 1993 following the Satish Chandra Committee recommendations.

The Union Public Service Commission have appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Y.K. Alagh to examine the present scheme of the Civil Services Examination and the systems for working that scheme in the light of past experience and current requirements and recommend such changes/innovations in the said scheme, systems and methods as may have become necessary for identifying the best and most suitable persons for appointment to various services/posts which form part of the Scheme.

The Committee is expected to submit its report within six months from the date of its appointment, i.e. 19.7.2000.

The post selection training programmes are designed after careful assessment of the training needs of the participants. The course content is regularly reviewed to make the training relevant to the external environment. All the training programmes have strong inputs on 'Market Economy', WTO, Intellectual Property Rights, Economic Liberalisation etc. with specific focus on the role of civil servants in the changing context.

Number of sanctioned posts in certain categories of All India Services

t2146. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the number of posts sanctioned as on July 31st, 2000 in the Police, Administrative and Forest Services under All India Services in the country;
- (b) the year-wise number of posts decreased and increased during the last three years;
- (c) the number of posts proposed to be cut during 2000-2001; and
- (d) the details of reasons for constantly increasing the number of these posts?

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The authorised strength as on 31st July, 2000 was 5159, 3489 and 2756 for the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service respectively.

(b) The authorised strength of each Service for the last three years is shown as under:

| Year | IAS | IPS | IFS |
|-----------|------|------|------|
| 1999-2000 | 5159 | 3489 | 2756 |
| 1998-1999 | 5124 | 3442 | 2736 |
| 1997-1998 | 5094 | 3442 | 2736 |

(c) and (d) Any increase or decrease in the authorised strength depends upon decisions taken in the cadre reviews held in that year in consultation with the State Governments concerned. The requirements of the State Governments are taken into consideration during the cadre reviews. The authorised strength is fixed in these cadre reviews which are held ordinarily at an interval of five years in accordance with the Cadre Rules of the respective Service.

Proposal of Chief Ministers of some States about downsizing the Government

2147. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) while addressing a conclave of nine Chief Ministers on 21st June, 2000, the Prime Minister had indicated that Government was very keen on the proposal made by Chief Minister about downsizing the Governments;

(b) if so, has any concrete proposal or proposals being considered by Government in this connection; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the time-frame for implementation of such downsizing exercises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The Chief Ministers of some States had called on the Prime Minister on 21st